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Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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**VETAC Full Committee Meeting
Hanover High School
10307 Chamberlayne Road
ROTC Room
Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

**February 13, 2007
10:00 a.m.**

Minutes

Members Present

John Littlefield – Chair, Region Study Group II Representative
Bill Flaherty – Vice Chair, Virginia Association of School Business Officials (VASBO)
Jim Carroll – Past Chair, Leadership, Medium School Division
Pam Burnette – Region Study Group VII Representative
Susan Clair – Department of Correctional Education (DCE)
Larry Crum – Business and Industry Representative
Robin Curtis for Dennis Casey – Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST)
Bill Dotson – Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE)
Inez Farrell for Monty Sullivan – Virginia Community College System (VCCS)
David Gangel - Region Study Group VIII Representative
Phyllis Geron – Virginia Electronic Student Information Systems (VESIS)
Virginia Jones – Virginia Middle School Association (VMSA)
Ramesh Kapoor – Leadership, Large School Division
Dave Mirra – Region Study Group III Representative
David Rankin – Virginia Educational Media Association (VEMA)
Pam Tuggle for Marilyn Walls – Region Study Group I Representative
Ena Wood – ITRT Medium School Representative
Patricia Woodbury – Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA)

Department of Education Personnel

Lan Neugent – Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Human Resources
Bethann Canada – Director, Educational Information Management
Linda Holt – Educational Technology Training and Integration
Cheri Kelleher – Educational Technology Applications
Greg Weisiger – Director, Teleproduction
Joyce White – Educational Computing: Instruction and Remediation
Flora Cosby – Office of Educational Technology

Opening

John Littlefield, Chairman, opened the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Review and approve October 3, 2006 minutes.

Patricia Woodbury noted some errors and suggested the following changes:

Page 1 - Name correction – for Patricia Woodbury (last name on the page)

Page 3 – 8th paragraph under Internet Safety – Change one-off to one of Internet safety unit.

Page 4 – line 10 under N-STAR Presentation – Change Oil spill clean-up has featured... to Change Oil spill clean-up was featured.....

Minutes were corrected as noted above and accepted as amended.

Old Business

Bethann Canada – Update on “Culture of Quality Data” October 3rd session

Best meeting. Presentations were dramatic. All groups did a great job with their presentations. It focused on why data quality is important. DOE is funding a SIF agent and server to obtain state student identifiers. Goal is to have 95 school divisions using it by the end of the year. Discussion started about divisions that are using SASI. DOE is working on getting divisions that are using other software. TRIAND software – allows divisions to load in local student data and provide real time data for teachers. DOE is looking in to using federal grant to pay for it for use by school divisions. Software has capabilities for electronic transcripts. If DOE gets the grant, 3-year grant, it may be free to school divisions. Otherwise price will be negotiated for school divisions to use for \$.50 per student. It has many modules. It is not meant to replace student information system. It is a web based system.

John Littlefield shared his experience in data quality for his school division relating to data entered by schools. Specifically, he used the example of drop out rates for Suffolk that made them focus on data quality. Suffolk has rewritten job descriptions. Those will go into effect next July. Positions have been reassigned across schools as appropriate based on the size of school. Data quality has improved as a result of the focus on data quality issue. Suffolk did SIF implementation last week. It was painless. Bethann Canada said all school divisions can use SIF system for 29 cents per student, which is much less than what divisions can get on their own.

New Business

Ena Wood - ITRT with Arlington made a presentation

Ena did a state-wide survey re: demographics, positions at each division, vacancies etc. She looked at position variations across the state. She covered the state and federal legislation initiatives that have affected the ITRT positions. Some discussion on NETS-T certification followed. Linda Holt said that it is in the process of being endorsed by ISTE. Ena covered at length the current and emerging role of ITRTs.

Information Brief

Joyce Faye White asked members present to review the Information Brief. This study was needed for DOE to better understand the role of ITRTs. It studied the impact of ITRT program over time. Lan Neugent gave background information on the study.

Legislative Update

Lan Neugent provided an update on various legislative items that can potentially impact technology funding. He said bond money for technology is expected to continue at least until 2009. That is when all high and middle schools are expected to be ready for online testing. EIMS is improving. TRIAND software will supplement the EIMS capabilities for data needed by schools. DOE will be contacting school divisions (small) to try TRIAND. To use TRIAND, student information data for schools will have to be loaded into that system.

NGA On-Time Graduation Rate

Bethann provided an update on the NGA on-time graduation rate and informed the group that Virginia has adopted the NGA standard.

Presentation/Workshop – Connections between higher education and k-12 programs

John Littlefield reviewed the presentation with the group and asked groups on work on it. Reports were presented by the groups on their assignments.

Innovate 2007

Innovate 2007 is an EXPO sponsored by DOE. Teachers and students can attend. It is supposed be an interactive expo – opportunity to work with vendors in exploring ideas/concepts. Contact Tammy McGraw for questions.

Speaker for Internet Safety

Patricia Woodbury shared with the group the availability of a speaker Mr. McGuire. Contact information:

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The members present worked in small groups to discuss the questions presented by Zahrl Schoeny on “Connection between Higher education and K12”. The small groups reported back and each group will send the note to Zharl via email.

Adjournment

John Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 2:03. Next VETAC meeting will be held May 1st at the Advanced Technology Center in Virginia Beach. If you need hotel information, please contact Ramesh Kapoor at 757-263-1646.